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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the action mailed March 14, 2003, applicant provisionally elects the invention of Group I drawn to the embodiment of claims 1-30 and 36-44.

Applicant submits that at least the invention of Group II (claims 31-35) should be examined together with the claims of Group I. Although the claims of Group I recite an apparatus whereas the claims of Group II recite a method, the claims of both groups recite similar limitations (*compare, e.g.,* claims 25 and 31).

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